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MRS. EKMAN, THE MURDERESS, TELLS ALL

Salt Lake, June 20.—"I chloroformed my little daughter Tuesday night instead of Monday night," said Mrs. Minnie Ekman in a more complete confession made to Inspector of Police Carl A. Carlson yesterday. "When I said Monday night I was confused regarding dates. My head was in a whirl and though I remembered very well the terrible moments when I saw my little daughter struggle under the chloroform I gave her, I was somewhat mixed up regarding just when I killed her."

During an investigation made by Inspector Carlson and Capt. J. J. Roberts yesterday forenoon, it was learned that little Frances Williams, daughter of Mrs. Ekman, called at the home of August Rekola, 35 S. Fifth West, at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday night and asked for a piece of cake. So positive was Mary Rekola, wife of Mr. Rekola, that it was Tuesday evening when the little girl called at her home that the inspector and captain immediately returned to police headquarters to make a more thorough examination of Mrs. Ekman.

"Mrs. Rekola tells me that your little girl called at her home Tuesday evening and you said you chloroformed her Monday evening," said the inspector to Mrs. Ekman. "Now, that is not possible if Mrs. Rekola is right as regards her dates. I am afraid you are attempting to conceal something from us."

For several minutes Mrs. Ekman counted on her fingers to establish dates. Suddenly she rose and said she was wrong regarding dates, the awful crime having affected her memory, and she explained that it was Tuesday night, instead of Monday night, that she took the life of her little girl. The few moments she devoted to meditation, it is said, aided her to clear her mind and she repeated a more lucid story of the manner in which she killed the little girl.

"When I took the little girl in my arms about a week ago," she continued, "and told her of the leaving of Ekman and that I could not keep up the house any longer and that she would have to go to an orphanage, Frances threw her arms about me and cried bitterly. She kissed me affectionately and cried."

"Mother," she cried, "I cannot be separated from you and go to an orphanage. I would rather die than leave you and be shut up in a terrible orphanage." My pity went out for the little girl and I could not see her starve with me. I purchased a bottle of chloroform at Halliday's drug store, I think about a week ago—it is so hard for me to remember dates—with the purpose in mind of ending the suffering of my little daughter. It was during one of those moments that I myself was suffering from the torture of illness and when I think that I was out of my mind."

"When I put my little girl to bed about 9 o'clock Tuesday evening I kissed her, as I had always done while putting her to bed. Soon she fell asleep, a sleep from which I knew she would never recover. With the bottle of chloroform in my hand, I watched her sleep until about 11 o'clock Tuesday night. Then I poured the chloroform on a cloth and pressed it over her mouth and nose of my little daughter. She struggled at first but soon became strangled as she inhaled the fumes and finally she lay still and I knew she was beyond further suffering. This thought seemed to comfort me, but a consciousness of horror came over me and I could not sleep."

"What did you do with the chloroform bottle?" demanded Inspector Carlson.

"I threw it into a toilet," replied

It is probable serious, if not fatal, injury would have resulted.

Dr. Snyder said last night that the formal report of the post mortem examination will be transcribed today, when copies will be turned over to County Attorney J. E. Willey and Coroner Harper. The coroner said last night that he will establish officially today the cause of death after making formal examination of the post mortem report. This will be examined similarly by the county attorney, who will also inquire into the mental condition of Mrs. Ekman prior to issuing complaints.

Movements of Mrs. Ekman after she is alleged to have chloroformed her little daughter were traced systematically yesterday by Inspector Carlson and Detectives Cleveland and Seager. It was found that she sold her furniture to a second-hand dealer Wednesday for \$18. If deductions are correct, she actually met Anderson Wednesday afternoon instead of Tuesday afternoon. She engaged room 63 at the Lake hotel in Postoffice place about 9 o'clock Wednesday night. Clerks at the hotel declare she kept lights in her room burning throughout the night and they doubt if she went to bed.

She was joined by Anderson about 7 o'clock Thursday morning. Anderson, who is now in the county jail, was of the impression that he came to Salt Lake Tuesday. It is thought he is mistaken in his dates. He told the inspector yesterday that, leaving the O. S. L. depot upon arriving in Salt Lake early Tuesday afternoon, he went direct to the St. Albans hotel and registered. This entry, the inspector found, was made upon the hotel books early Wednesday afternoon. This leads the inspector to believe that Anderson had skipped a day in his mind. When Anderson was asked yesterday concerning the day of the week, he insisted it was Saturday.

Throughout the day yesterday, Mrs. Ekman was a sight for pity. She was confined in the matron's quarters at the city prison. Convulsive sobbing interrupted her sleep during the night and most of the day tears flowed from her eyes. Her nervous condition caused police officials to regard her with deepest concern and they fear that her mental condition will be affected. However, when she was examined in the office of the police chief Saturday night, a grilling examination which led to what is believed to be a true confession that she killed her daughter with her own hand, Mrs. Ekman displayed keen mentality and, for more than two hours, evaded questions hurled at her by the inspector and two detectives with unusual ability.

Yesterday's Development in Grewsome Murder.

The body of Frances Williams, the murdered girl, was taken to Salt Lake City yesterday.

Post-mortem examination was held by city and county physicians and it was decided that no violence had been administered in the murder.

Announcement of physicians was death probably caused by chloroform. It was revealed that the girl's neck had not been broken and there were few scars on her body.

Abrasions were caused by placing body in cramped positions in trunk. It was definitely decided that Frances Williams was murdered last Tuesday night.

Mrs. Ekman, when asked about the time of the murder, she said she could not remember such trivial things.

Anderson unsuccessfully attempted to prove that Mrs. Ekman was at Lake hotel Tuesday night.

Coroner Harry S. Harper made personal investigation into details of the crime.

August Ekman, husband of suspected woman, was arrested at Kemmerer, Wyo., and later released.

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There were no bruises, excepting such as may have resulted to the body from being tossed about in the trunk after death actually had taken place. The neck was not broken and every organ seemed to be in natural condition.

Dr. Ashley, assistant city health commissioner, made a thorough examination of the teeth, broken in the left side of the dead little girl's mouth. He said that one tooth had been broken off while the other merely had been loosened in the jaw. He said this could have taken place after death and while the body was being jostled about in the trunk which, in the hands of expressmen and baggage-men, was tossed about in hotel hallways and to and from trains. Had a live little girl been in the trunk, explained Dr. Ashley, and been tossed about as much as the dead body was,

ANDERSON SAID TO HAVE SLAIN A MAN

Salt Lake, June 30.—Has Carl L. Anderson, first husband of Mrs. Minnie Ekman, arrested as a possible accomplice in the killing of Frances Williams, been a fugitive from justice covering a period of fourteen years? Is he wanted by the Michigan courts for the murder of an Irishman, known either as McCarthy or Murphy, committed at Hancock, Mich., fourteen years ago?

He denied the charge emphatically last night to Inspector of Police Carl A. Carlson. However, questions concerning the manner in which he deserted Minnie Anderson, now Minnie Ekman, at Hancock, Mich., in 1899 made him hesitate last night in his cell at the city prison.

The sensational statement of August Ekman, made at Kemmerer, Wyo., Saturday night, that Anderson deserted his wife after killing a man at Hancock, caused police officials to enter upon a thorough investigation.

"Did you ever hear that your first husband, Carl L. Anderson, killed a man at Hancock, Mich., before he deserted you?" Mrs. Ekman was asked at the matron's quarters in the city prison last night by Inspector Carlson. The question is said to have startled the woman.

"That is true," she said finally. "But I have kept it a secret. It was his reason he left me. He had to fly for his life and I think he joined the army to cover up his identity. Although I never learned, I think he went to the Philippines and fought in the war."

"It is so long ago that I do not remember the circumstances of the killing," continued Mrs. Ekman. "It took me a long time to get over the death of my first husband. I do not remember his name, although I do remember something like McCarthy or Murphy. Carl came home very pale. He kissed me and my child. He didn't tell me where he was going and, from that day until this recent affair, I had not seen him."

After a brief conference with the police chief and Captain J. J. Roberts, Inspector Carlson went to the cell of Anderson.

"You killed a man at Hancock, Mich., fourteen years ago, when you deserted your wife," said the inspector pointing an accusing finger at Anderson. It was fully a minute before Anderson could regain his composure.

"I never killed any man," he replied slowly. "That I killed a man in Hancock is not true and I did not leave my wife and child under any such circumstances. It was for other reasons. I had had trouble."

"Were you ever a soldier—were you in the Philippines?" asked the inspector.

"Yes, I served through the campaign in the Philippines, where I may have killed Moros, but I never killed any one in the United States or at Hancock," replied Anderson.

Prior to the sensational statement of Mrs. Ekman, accusing Anderson of Hancock murder, Inspector Carlson engaged him in a thorough examination.

Police officials will telegraph to authorities at Hancock, Mich., to ascertain if Anderson is wanted there.

August Ekman, who made the sensational statement at Kemmerer Saturday night after he had been arrested upon instructions of Sheriff Thomas DeVine, was released yesterday upon a second message of the Weber county sheriff. Efforts will be made by authorities in Salt Lake to induce Ekman to come to Salt Lake to furnish what information he may have concerning what he knows about Mrs. Ekman and Anderson.

KEARNS MINE TO

PAY \$350,000 TODAY

A check for \$350,000, second payment on the \$905,000 judgment secured by the Silver King Consolidated Mining company against the Silver King Coal Mines company, is due today, as per agreement made between attorneys on both sides to the effect that \$100,000 should be paid

Thursday, \$350,000 today, and the remainder by July 15.

Meantime the report of Frank Anderson, engineer conducting surveys for the Consolidated through the Coalition's workings to discover if the latter company has trespassed on the Consolidated property, has been returned to the federal district court. The engineer says that, to the best of his knowledge, the Coalition's workings do not enter the Consolidated's ground.

This report is believed to be the ending of the present \$750,000 trespass suit. Consolidated officials say that they will go further down into their own ground and try to discover if there is evidence of trespass there. This work will take many months.

Will Work Own Mine. "It is understood by us," says Solon Spiro, president of the Consolidated, "that the stopes within the Coalition, where our engineers surveyed, were in a decayed condition. To clean these would be too expensive. Therefore we will abide our time till the shaft in our own mine reaches the place where we believe trespass to have been made."

"It is very probable that the present \$750,000 damage suit instituted by us will be dismissed for want of evidence. Hence, we will wait till our own shaft is sunk and we have absolute facts. As we must run about 1800 feet, I do not believe the matter will be heard from further for several months at least."

T. FITZGERALD IS LAID TO REST

The funeral services for Thomas Fitzgerald were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Joseph's Catholic church, with Rev. Father P. M. Cushman officiating.

The services were attended by Ogdens representative citizens which included city officials and officials of the Southern Pacific, of which road Mr. Fitzgerald was resident engineer for over forty years. After the services at the church a vast procession formed and proceeded to the Mountain View cemetery, where interment was made.

In concluding the last rites for Mr. Fitzgerald, the Rev. P. M. Cushman, pastor of St. Joseph's church, paid a marked tribute of love and devotion to his lifelong friend, also calling attention to the high regard in which the railroad official had been held by both him and every employee of the system. As an evidence of this respect, the pastor read the telegram received from J. Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Harriman board of directors, following Mr. Fitzgerald's death last Tuesday.

The Rev. Father Cushman said: "It seems absurd for me or anybody else to attempt to preach a sermon over this man because his whole life was one long sermon. It seems hard—it seems almost a mockery under such conditions—to say to the widow and bereaved children that life is a blessing, for this is only a melting away of a life well spent, the passing of a worthy husband and a noble father."

"There are monuments of gold, of brass and of granite and the flower, which is but an empty shadow, but there is another monument, that which a father erects in the heart of grateful children, that which an honorable life erects in the hearts of his fellowmen, which will remain, so long as there are grateful children and so long as there are old section men, to the memory of humble Tom Fitzgerald. It needs no word of man to tell where the monument to Mr. Fitzgerald is erected."

"If there were more men like him, true to his fellowmen, there would be less strikes, less trials and less bloodshed. Regardless of whether his men were Japs or Chinamen, with the great heart and great soul of Mr. Fitzgerald he was blind to their faults, he encouraged them and built up in their souls that monument which time will never destroy."

The pastor told of Mr. Fitzgerald's steadfastness to the church of his

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father, of the trying ordeals when Godless men sneered and of his success after leaving his home in Ireland when a lad not yet out of his teens. To his moral courage was attributed the success of his Christian life and his upright career among men.

The funeral services for Mr. Fitzgerald were unmarked by ostentation, save for the presence of ten honorary pallbearers. The services in the church consisted of the impressive funeral rites of the Catholic church and the oration by the Rev. Father Cushman in addition to two vocal solos.

Those acting as honorary pallbearers were Mayor A. G. Fell, Patrick Healy, A. R. Heywood, Fred J. Kiesel, C. C. Richards, Dr. R. S. Joyce, D. J. Malone, H. L. Bell, F. C. Smith and David Hickey. The last four named are assistant superintendents of the Southern Pacific railroad.

The active pallbearers were J. E. Toombs, roadmaster for the Southern Pacific at Sparks, Nev.; Frank Reilly, roadmaster at Montello, Nev.; J. Gruber, roadmaster at Carlin, Nev.; John Reddy, roadmaster at Ogden; Morris Fisher, superintendent of bridges and buildings at Ogden, and J. A. Gill, chief clerk in the department of maintenance and way at Ogden.

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